WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1965

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I will begin with the statistics for 1965

There were 46 births (41 in 1964 39 in 1963); 27 girls, 19 boys.

There were 34 deaths (36 in 1964, 36 in 1963); 14 male, 20 female.

A breakdown of ages is as follows:-

Male		Female	
Over 75 ..	3	Over 75 ..	9
65-75 ..	6	65-75 ..	7
55-65 ..	2	55-65 ..	3
45-55 ..	1	Under 4/52 ..	1
15-25 ..	1		
under 1 ..	1		
	14		20

The causes of death were as follows:-

Coronary Disease	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8
Other circulatory disease	5
Bronchitis	3
Pneumonia	3
Cancer of Bronchus	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases ..	2
Other heart disease	1
Motor accidents	1
All other accidents	1
	34

We now come to Immunisations:-

Diphtheria (primary course)

Children born 1965	16
1964	23
1963	1
1962	1
1958-1961	1
	42

Whooping Cough

Children born 1965	16
1964	23
1963	1
1962	1
	41

Totanus

Children born 1965	16
1964	23
1963	1
1962	1
1958-1961	1
Others under 16	14
	56

Polio

Children born 1965	15
1964	24
1963	5
1962	5
1958-1961	4
Others under 16	1
	54

Booster Injections:-

Diphtheria

Children born 1964	5
1963	14
1962	2
1958-1961	30
Others under 16	27
	78

Whooping Cough

Children born 1964	5
1963	14
1962	2
1958-1961	6
	27

Tetanus

Children born 1964	5
1963	14
1962	2
1958-1961	30
Others under 16	13
	64

Polio

Children born 1958-1961	30

Vaccinations:-

Smallpox
Children aged

7-9 months	2	
10-12 months	1	
1 year	22	
2-4 years	9	(+ 1 revaccination)
5-15 years	2	(+ 1 revaccination)
	36	+ 2

Infectious Diseases

There were 6 cases of measles all under 4 years of age and 2 cases of pulmonary T.B. in males both aged over 55 years.

Additionally we had a visit in May from the Mass X-ray Unit. At the Wansbrough Paper Company 187 males and 25 females were X-rayed with 5 males who had abnormalities detected; 1 of healed T.B; 2 with bronchitis; 1 cardiac lesion and 1 lung infection.

On the Esplanade 86 males and 146 females were X-rayed. 4 males and 5 females had abnormalities detected, 2 males and 2 females with healed T.B. 1 male under supervision, 2 females with cardiac lesions, 1 female with lung infection and 1 male with bronchiectasis

No problems were encountered with the water supply, the ice-cream samples or the visiting ships.

I would like to thank my Public Health Inspector and the District Nurses for their very valuable share in maintaining the health of our community.

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1st November, 1966